6359. Adulteration of catsup. U. S. \* \* \* v. 44 Cases \* \* \* of Catsup.

Order of court for release of product on bond. (F. & D. No. 8333.

I. S. No. 4787-m. S. No. E-857.)

On July 9, 1917, the United States attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 44 cases, each containing 4 dozen bottles of catsup, at Huntington, W. Va., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about April 27, 1917, and May 2, 1917, by Hirsch Bros. & Co., Louisville, Ky., and transported from the State of Kentucky into the State of West Virginia, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part, "Hirsch's Goodies Ketchup."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in substance in the libel for the reason that it consisted of a partially decomposed vegetable product.

On September 25, 1917, Hirsch Brothers & Co., a corporation, claimant, having filed its answer to the libel declaring its willingness to pay the costs of the action, and having executed a good and sufficient bond in conformity with section 10 of the act, it was ordered by the court that upon payment of the costs of the proceedings, the product should be delivered to said claimant company.

C. F. MARVIN, Acting Secretary of Agriculture.